(b) whether as per its report 50 million children are at work out of whom 50 per cent are engaged in dangerous professions and 10 percent of the 8 lakh workers in diamond industry are below 14 years who work for 12 hours a day;

(c) whether the Indian Trade Union Congress has also not opposed the ICFTU's report; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Report of the Second Labour Commission

256. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have since received the recommendations of the Second Labour Commission;

(b) if so, what are its main recommendations;

(c) whether the contract labour system is also prevalent in communist countries like China and Malaysia; and

(d) if so, what is Government's decision on adoption of the contract labour system in India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Commission has submitted its Report to the Government on 29-06-2002. The recommendations of the Commission cover various aspects of labour viz. review of laws, social security, women and child labour, skill development, labour administration, unorganised sector and other matters.

(c) and (d) The contract labour system is permitted in China and Malaysia. Whereas in China, the labour contract must be in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations of the Peoples Republic of China, the contract labour system in Malaysia is freely allowed and there is no law for protection of the contract labour. In India, the employment of contract labour is governed by the Contract Labour (Regulations and Abolition) Act, 1970.